Twin Cities Campus

Spanish Studies B.A.

Spanish & Portuguese Studies

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2019
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34 to 54
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The program develops analytical skills and methodologies needed to explore Hispanic and Hispanic-American languages and cultures.

It is important to note that department majors and minors are not simply Spanish and Portuguese language majors or minors; rather, they are liberal arts majors and minors concentrating on Spanish, Latin American, and/or Luso-Brazilian literary, cultural, and linguistic studies with language skills at the foundation. All major and minor options in this department begin with prerequisite language courses, followed by advanced language skills courses (special arrangements may be made for native speakers of Spanish or Portuguese). These are followed by critical analysis skills courses in Hispanic literature, culture, and linguistics that prepare students to take advanced coursework in specific areas. The major options culminate in the completion of a senior project through a SPAN 5xxx course or SPAN 3972W.

Majors are required to enroll in a minimum 6-week study abroad experience, or a semester-long service learning course. The study abroad requirement must be fulfilled in a Spanish-speaking country or territory, involve at least one three-credit course taught in Spanish, and include courses related to Spanish studies. Students must meet with the department advisor prior to departure. The service learning requirement is fulfilled by semester-long SPAN 3401, or SPAN 3404, or other courses with advisor consent.

Detailed information regarding Spanish and Portuguese studies undergraduate academic issues is printed in the Undergraduate Advising Handbook (available at http://spanport.cla.umn.edu).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to complete 4 semester(s) of Spanish with a grade of C-, or better, or demonstrate proficiency in the language(s) as defined by the department or college.

The Spanish Studies BA requires at least 5-6 semesters of language above and beyond the CLA second language requirement.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Spanish Studies BA is SPAN.

The Spanish Studies B.A. is completed with a minimum of 34-54 credits and 11-15 courses:

-0-20 credits (0-4 courses) of preparatory coursework (SPAN 1001-1004 or equivalent)
-34 credits (11 courses) beyond the preparatory courses

Majors are required to study abroad in a Spanish speaking country or territory for at least 6 weeks or take a semester-long service learning course.

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At least 6 upper-division courses in the major must be taken in residence. As many as three of these courses can be study abroad courses taken for resident credit, through a department-sponsored or affiliated study abroad program. The other three courses must be taken on campus and must have a Critical Analysis course as a prerequisite.

The Spanish Studies BA may be combined with the Portuguese Studies minor, and/or the Spanish Language Advanced Level Proficiency Certificate.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

Preparatory Coursework

These courses (20 credits), or equivalent, must be taken in sequential order. In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may be exempt from taking some or all of these courses. See the departmental advisor for more information.

Take 0 - 4 course(s) totaling 0 - 20 credit(s) from the following:

SPAN 1001 - Beginning Spanish (5.0 cr)
SPAN 1002 - Beginning Spanish (5.0 cr)
or SPAN 1022 - Alternate Second-Semester Spanish (5.0 cr)
SPAN 1003 - Intermediate Spanish (5.0 cr)
SPAN 1004 - Intermediate Spanish (5.0 cr)
or SPAN 1034 - Business Spanish (5.0 cr)
or SPAN 1044 - Intermediate Medical Spanish (5.0 cr)

Advanced Language Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 4 credit(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3015W - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
  or SPAN 3015V - Honors: Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)

Critical Analysis Courses

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling exactly 6 credit(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3104W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SPAN 3104V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3105W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SPAN 3105V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3107W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)

Spanish Studies Electives

5 of the 7 Electives must have a Critical Analysis prerequisite (SPAN 3104W/V, SPAN 3105W/V, or SPAN 3107W). Up to 1 approved course taught in English with coursework completed in Spanish can count as an elective without a Critical Analysis prerequisite. Written departmental consent is required during the first week of class. Students completing an Honors thesis in Spanish Studies must take at least one SPAN 5xxx. The 5xxx-level course will count as a Spanish Studies elective.

Take 7 or more course(s) totaling 21 - 23 credit(s) from the following:

Electives with a Critical Analysis prerequisite

Take 5 - 7 course(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3211 - Interpreting Imperial Spain, 1492-1800 (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3221 - Interpreting Colonial Latin America: Empire and Early Modernity (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3222 - Interpreting Modern and Contemporary Latin America (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3301 - Advanced Oral Proficiency Workshop (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3502 - Modern Spain (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3503 - Pre-modern Spanish Culture and Thought [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3510 - Issues in Hispanic Cultures (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3512 - Modern Latin America (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3701 - Structure of Spanish: Phonology and Phonetics (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3702 - Structure of Spanish: Morphology and Syntax (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3703 - Origins and History of Spanish and Portuguese (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3704 - Sociolinguistics of the Spanish-Speaking World (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3706 - Spanish Applied Linguistics (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3707 - Linguistic Accuracy Through Translation (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3730 - Topics in Hispanic Linguistics (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3800 - Film Studies in Spanish (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3910 - Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3920 - Topics in Spanish-American Literature (3.0 cr)

- **Additional Electives without a Critical Analysis prerequisite**

SPAN 3104W/V, SPAN 3105W/V, or SPAN 3107W may only count as an Elective without a Critical Analysis prerequisite if they have not counted towards the Critical Analysis Courses requirement.

Take 0 - 2 course(s) from the following:

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- PORT 3001 - Portuguese for Spanish Speakers (4.0 cr)

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- SPAN 3034 - Advanced Business Spanish (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3044 - Advanced Medical Spanish (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3401 - Latino Immigration and Community Engagement [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3404 - Medical Spanish and Community Health Learning (3.0 cr)

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3104W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SPAN 3104V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3105W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or SPAN 3105V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3107W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)

Study Abroad or Service Learning

Students must enroll in a minimum 6-week study abroad experience, or a semester-long SPAN service learning course.

Study Abroad

The study abroad requirement must be fulfilled in a Spanish-speaking country or territory, involve at least one 3-credit course taught in Spanish, and include courses related to Spanish studies. Students must meet with the departmental advisor prior to departure.

or **Service Learning**

The service learning requirement must be fulfilled by one of the following courses, taught during a full semester.

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3401 - Latino Immigration and Community Engagement [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3404 - Medical Spanish and Community Health Learning (3.0 cr)
- Other course with advisor consent

Capstone

A primary focus of the Capstone is sustained research. Students completing their Honors thesis in Spanish Studies must enroll in SPAN 3972W.

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

Students who double major in CLA and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Spanish Studies BA capstone, but they do need to replace the 3 credits with another Spanish elective with a Critical Analysis prerequisite. Students whose other major is outside of CLA must complete the Spanish Studies capstone.

- **SPAN 3972W**

  SPAN 3972W involves a semester-long research project in which the student, in consultation with the course's faculty member, selects a topic related to Spanish literature, culture, or linguistics; carries out research on that topic; and presents the results of this research in the form of a research paper (typically 20-25 pages) written in Spanish.

  - SPAN 3972W - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)
- **SPAN 5xxx**

  With instructor permission, students may enroll in a SPAN 5xxx course to fulfill the capstone requirement. 5xxx-level courses generally include sustained research through extensive reading throughout the semester and writing and/or presentations based on the content of the course.

  - SPAN 5xxx

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the Major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- SPAN 3015V - Honors: Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3015W - Spanish Composition and Communication [WI] (4.0 cr)
- SPAN 3104V - Honors: Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3104W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literatures [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3105W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Cultures [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3107W - Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)
- SPAN 3972W - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)

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